



## News and Events in the 5th Grade

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### Important Dates

Mar 3	PTO Auction (6:00 p.m. at O'Sullivan's)
Mar 5	Casimir Pulaski Day (No School)
Mar 6-9	ISAT Testing
Mar 10	Annual Holmes Basketball Parent/Staff Game (6:00 p.m. at Brooks)
Mar 26-30	Spring Break (No School)
April 3	Science Fair

### Dear Families,

Brooks PE Uniform Order Forms were sent home with Students last week. Please make sure that you return these to your child's homeroom teacher by February 29th. We will then forward them on to the middle school.

### Specials-Thank you to the 5th graders and classroom teachers for a wonderful specials night. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

**Art** - All 5th graders attended a presentation given by Marc Stopeck of the Wednesday Journal as a kick off to our next project. Stopeck is a writer and cartoonist for the journal. "Design an Ad" is an annual contest that the journal puts on where students design an ad from participating local businesses. There are about ten schools in the area involved in the contest and also about ten businesses. The businesses will each choose a student winner who designed the most effective ad and these student ads will run in the newspaper on 3/21. The presentation was fun as the 5th graders, as a group, chose a local business and then with the help of Mr. Stopeck, created an effective advertisement.

All 5th graders are designing an ad as an assignment. Ads must be in black and white only. Class time will be given, but if not finished the ad is homework. All ads are due to Mr. K by 2/29. Good luck!!

**Music** - This week we will be finishing our game of music basketball (using xylophones) but we will also be playing recorders. Please make sure your child has theirs in school by Wednesday. If they cannot find theirs, recorders are now 6 dollars cash, check (to District 97) or can be purchased through the school store (under misc. payments).

**Spanish** - Students are working with the story *Carlos y los Tres Monstruos*.

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**Library** - Information can be found on the Holmes Library page on our school website, <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>.

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.



## Reading/Literature TREASURES

**Comprehension Strategy:** Generate Questions

**Comprehension Skill:** Main Idea and Details

This week students read about teamwork on the job. More specifically, they will be learning about how astronauts work together to complete missions in space.

## LITERATURE CIRCLES

Next literature circle discussion will be on Wednesday, 2/22

## READING LOGS

Please be sure that your child is reading 30 minutes each night and responding to what they read in their reading logs.

Students are expected to turn in their logs on Friday. At that time, your child's homeroom teacher checks for 5 complete entries.

## Language Arts

**Writing Focus:** Students should have turned in their expository essay last Friday. This week we being a compare/contrast writing project.

**Grammar Focus: Subject and Object Pronouns:** I, you, he, she, it, we, and they are subject pronouns. Me, you, him, her, it, us, and them are object pronouns. **Appositives:** word or group of words that identifies or tells more about the noun it follows.

## Math

There will be a short unit test this Friday. The test will cover data landmarks, graphing, probability and ratios. This week, we will be learning about ratios. Students will read ratios and write them in equivalent forms. Students will also model and solve number stories involving ratios.

**It is important that every 5th grade student has a calculator.** Because of its fraction capabilities, we recommend the TI-15 calculator. We still have calculators available for purchase at a cost of \$16.

## Science

Students should now be working on setting up their experiments and collecting data. You can help by making sure that your student is making observations, taking photographs and collecting data on a regular basis. The next major deadline is the March 23 research paper due date. I will be periodically checking progress on Science Fair projects, but for the next several weeks, students should be working on their projects at home.

## Social Studies

Last week, students worked on their individual assignments on people, battles, and events of the American Revolution. These "cards" will be added to our large bulletin board timeline in the fifth-grade hallway. This week, we will finish these cards and also focus on learning how to read a map and calculate distance using a map scale.

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